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FOREIGN-LANGUAGE REFERENCES

A concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference not in the English language follows:

German Patent No. 3034750-A1 - This patent shows a fork block for a roof rack, as illustrated in the figures and described in the English language abstract.

German Patent No. 4208064-A1 - This patent shows a bicycle mounting system, as illustrated in the figures and described in the English language abstract.

Italian Patent No. 1189908 - This patent shows a locking device for a helmet, as illustrated in the figures.

Italian Patent No. 1236808 - This patent shows a locking device for ski boots, as illustrated in the figures.

French Patent No. 73.02159 - This patent involves a hub locking device for a bicycle.

French Patent No. 75 36256 - This patent involves a rack for carrying a bicycle on top of a car.

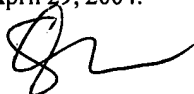
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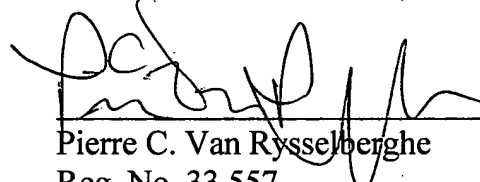
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